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In re application of:) Group Art Unit: 3683
Michael E. Ring et al.)
Filed: February 18, 2000) Examiner: Melody M. Burch
Serial No. 09/507,227) Attorney Docket: CRD 02306
For: AUTOMATIC APPLICATION HAND) April 10, 2003
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the final rejection mailed January 28, 2003 with respect to the above-referenced application. Please amend the application as follows.

The Following are clean versions. Marked up versions to show the changes are found in **Appendix A**.

Amendment not recommended for entry by Examiner MB 5/19/03



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and one (1) sheet of a new informal drawing for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is

[] a small entity -- verified statement:

[] attached.
[] already filed.

other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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EXTENSION OF TIME

NOTE: "Extension of Time In Patent Cases (Supplemental Amendments)—If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34.35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

- (a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension <u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
[]	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[]	two months	\$ 410.00	\$205.00
[]	three months	\$ 930.00	\$465.00

Fee \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- [] An extension for ____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

OR

- (b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDN. FEE	OR	RATE	ADDN. FEE
TOTAL ♦ 29	MINUS ♦♦ 30 -	0	x 9=	\$		x18=	\$
INDEP. ♦ 3	MINUS ♦♦♦ 3 -	0	x42=	\$		x84=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+140=	\$		+280=	\$
			TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$

ADDN. FEE \$ 0

- ♦ If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2 write "0" in Col. 3.
- ♦♦ If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- ♦♦♦ If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".
- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

(a) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$_____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is check no. _____ in the sum of \$_____ to cover the Extension of Time Fee.

Charge Account No. _____ the sum of \$_____.

FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is non authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, 1065 O.G. 31-33.

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No.

_____.

AND/OR

[] If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. _____.



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